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A.—The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative; the consideration of the project has been held over pending the final settlement between the Madras Government and the Mysore Darbar in regard to the Mysore (Kannambadi) Krishnarajasagara reservoir.

Specialist for millets.

11-15 a.m.

410 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(1) whether a specialist for millets has been appointed; if so, when he was appointed;

(2) whether the specialist is given a station for his work; if not, how his work is now done;

(3) whether the Government are aware that there is a wide complaint that nothing has been done for the dry food-crops; and

(4) whether the Government will give preference to work on dry food-crops, seeing that they are grown on by far the major portion of the cultivated lands in the Presidency and they are the chief staple food of the people?

A.—(1) Yes: on the 25th November 1921.

(2) He has not yet been given a station. As a preliminary to commencing breeding work, the officer has been visiting the most important sorghum areas and has made a detailed examination of the various types of the plant represented in the crops of the local varieties. He is making a further examination of these types in the laboratory.

(3) No complaint has reached the Government.

(4) As the hon. Member is doubtless aware, the special officer to work on millets has been recruited solely with a view to devoting greater attention to the study of the important problems connected with the chief dry food-grains, and proposals for giving the officer a separate station, where he can commence the work on breeding new strains, are under the consideration of Government. It is not a fact that no attention has been paid to the study of dry grains. Work has been and is being done in the circle farms. The hon. Member is also informed that rice is the chief staple food-crop in the Presidency, being used in all the districts.

Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR:—“Does the hon. the Minister for Development think that rice is the chief staple food-crop in the Presidency, on account of the fact that it is used in all the districts or on account of the fact that a large number of people use it?”

The hon. Rai Bahadur K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU:—“I want notice of the question.”

The Publicity Bureau.

411 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(1) (a) the actual expenditure incurred on account of the Publicity Bureau in the years 1920-21 and 1921-22 under the heads paper, printing and postage; why this expenditure on paper and printing is not generally shown in the budget estimate under the heading “Publicity Bureau”;

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(b) the gross expenditure inclusive of the cost of paper and printing incurred on account of the Publicity Bureau in the years 1920-21 and 1921-22; and

(2) (a) the total number of Press Notes issued by the Publicity Bureau since the advent of the present Publicity Officer from the date of his joining up to date; and

(b) the total number of leaflets published or about to be published by the Publicity Bureau since the advent of the present Publicity Officer?

A.—(1) (a) The expenditure was as shown below :—

	Head.	1920-21.			1921-22.		
		RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Paper	36,120	0	0	26,576	0	0
Printing	18,773	1	3	19,126	7	0
Postage	19,600	0	0	39,290	0	0

In accordance with the rules regulating the classification of Government accounts framed by the Auditor-General, the expenditure on printing and paper in Government departments is shown not in the estimates of the departments concerned but under the head "46. Stationery and Printing".

(b) 1920-21—Rs. 1,31,599-3-0.

1921-22—Rs. 1,43,786-7-8.

(2) (a) 148.

(b) Eleven published.

Ten about to be published.

Admission into the Government Colleges.

412 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the number of applications received from students for admission into—

(a) the Government Arts Colleges,

(b) the Medical College,

(c) the Engineering College, and

(d) the Teachers' College, Saidapet,

and the number actually selected;

(2) the number of students who applied in each of the several communities and the number selected from each of them;

(3) whether all the members of the respective Selection Boards were present at the time of selection and if not, what the strength of the members present in each case and decided the selection was;

(4) the constitution of the Selection Board for the Medical Schools and whether the Board is representative of the several communities; and

(5) what the total number was of applications received for admission into the Medical Schools and the number admitted and by what principle the Committee was guided in the matter of selection of students?